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In re Application of:

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Atty Docket No.: Q87983

For: WELDABLE COMPONENT OF

STRUCTURAL STEEL AND METHOD:

OF MANUFACTURE

DECISION ON RENEWED PETITION

In a decision mailed on 09 June 2006, this Office dismissed without prejudice applicants' petition seeking a refund of the three-month extension fee paid by applicants on 17 March 2006. The petition argued that applicants did not receive the Notification Of Missing Requirements mailed on 20 October 2005 and that applicants should therefore not be required to pay the extension fee required to make their subsequent 17 March 2006 submission a timely response to the Notification Of Missing Requirements. The petition was dismissed for failure to satisfy the requirements of a grantable petition. Specifically, applicants had not provided the statements and docket records required to confirm that applicant did not receive the Notification Of Missing Requirements.

On 09 August 2006, applicants filed the renewed petition considered herein. The renewed petition includes the required statement from the practitioner that a search of the file jacket and the docket records indicates that the Notification Of Missing Requirements was not received. The submission also includes the required docket records. Applicants have now satisfied all the requirements for a grantable petition.

Applicants' petition to confirm that the Notification Of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) mailed 20 October 2005 was not received is **GRANTED**.

Because applicants did not receive the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed 20 October 2005, it is not necessary for applicants to submit an extension fee in order for their subsequent submission of a declaration and surcharge to be considered timely filed. Accordingly, the previously charge three-month extension fee will be refunded to Deposit Account No. 19-4880, as requested.

The application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office Of PCT Operations for further processing in accordance with this decision. As noted in the previous decision, the date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) is 17 March 2006.

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